

OPINION

Short Q&A on stimulus

Hallelujah! We're gonna "save" teachers' jobs thanks to the second stimulus! ("Millions to save teacher jobs," Aug. 14 Gazette.)

The alleged \$250 million is not manna from heaven. It's either taxpayer money yet to be confiscated, or money yet to be printed, which our children and their children will have to pay for. Note that just \$10 billion of the \$26 billion will go to hire and retain teachers.

Three questions:

1. What's the other \$16 billion going for, overhead?
2. Why not tap into the unspent tens of billions in the first stimulus?
3. Why do the funds expire in September 2012?

I'm gonna guess that the answers run the gamut of the following:

1. It throws some change into the empty coffers of already bankrupt teacher retirement/pension funds.
2. It's yet another slush fund to keep teacher unions voting for more socialism.
3. There's a consequential election in November '12.

I challenge the Gazette to investigate and provide honest answers. Don't get me wrong. I fully support our teachers. I just disagree with the mission that the liberal ruling class elites are taking us on as cooperative sympathizers or fiduciary hostages.

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